

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Final Rejection that claims 19 and 20 are directed to allowable subject matter.

The Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative during a personal interview conducted on August 22, 2006. The following includes a summary of the substance of this interview.

Claims 13, 15, 17-19, and 21-24 have been amended in the manner discussed with the examiner for overcoming the 35 USC §101 rejections and the indefiniteness issues identified by the examiner during the interview.

Therefore, it is submitted that allowance of claims 13, 15, 17-19, and 21-24 and dependent claims 16 and 20 is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Ledbetter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being more prominent.

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